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Pounds and Prevention of Cattle Trespass

Transfer of cattle pounds to the control of the local bodies. 11·30 a.m.

* 504 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have decided to hand over cattle pounds to local bodies in the respective areas; and

(*b*) if so, when it will come into force?

A.—The question of transferring the control and management of cattle pounds to local bodies was recently examined by the Government. The proposal has been dropped.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know why the Government dropped the proposal to entrust to the local bodies the control of cattle pounds?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"The information will be placed on the table of the House."

Public Service

Selection of clerks by the Madras Services Commission for Telugu areas.

* 505 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Madras Service Commission is selecting clerks, etc., for Telugu areas from non-Telugu districts, although there are many Telugu candidates who are qualified?

A.—In 1931 and 1932 candidates who did not know Telugu were allotted to Telugu districts by the Madras Services Commission as the number of Telugu candidates successful in the competitive examination held by the Commission was not sufficient to fill the vacancies in those districts.

Promotion of lower division clerks to vacancies in the upper division.

* 506 *Q.*—Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether, with reference to his answer to question No. 1281, dated the 24th March 1932, any vacancies in the Superintendents' or upper division clerks' grades have been or are proposed to be filled otherwise than by promotion as given in the above answer;

(*b*) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, on what grounds a departure was made and is proposed to be permitted; and

(*c*) how many permanent lower division clerks there are now in each department of the Secretariat selected to do drafting work?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The answer to clause (*c*) of Question No. 1281 was not intended to convey the idea that promotion from the upper and lower division clerical grades was the only method of filling vacancies in the grades of Superintendents and upper division clerks. Under rules 2 (*a*) and 12

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of the Madras Ministerial Service Rules, recruitment to these grades may be by promotion from a post in the Madras Ministerial Service or by transfer from any other Subordinate Service and to the posts of upper division clerks it may also be direct.

Between 20th February 1932 and October 1933 two vacancies in the Superintendents' grade and seven vacancies in the upper division clerical grade have been filled otherwise than by promotion of upper division and lower division clerks respectively.

(c) The information is given below:—

Chief Secretariat	5
Revenue Secretariat	1
Law Secretariat	1
Local Self-Government Secretariat	7

Savings due to the stoppage of officiating promotions to clerks of the Secretariat acting in the Upper Division.

* 507 *Q.*—Mr. M. S. Sreshta: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the amount of savings to the Government due to the stoppage of officiating promotions to clerks from the lower division to the upper division cadre of the Secretariat for the last five years?

A.—Rs. 2,426-13-0.

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—" Is it not a fact that officiating promotion is denied to permanent lower division clerks and that acting allowance is given to acting lower division clerks? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" Yes."

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—" Is that arrangement quite fair? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" The matter is under examination in the Secretariat."

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—" May I ask whether the savings by stoppage of officiating promotions would not be greater, if recruitment was confined to lower division clerks and if promotion was made from lower division to upper division? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" It would be greater if acting lower division clerks were not given acting allowances for officiating in the upper division."

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—" Will the hon. Member consider the desirability of giving officiating allowance to persons who are permanent lower division clerks and who are officiating in the upper division? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" As I said, the question is under consideration at the present moment."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I know whether this question has been before the Government for more than four months now? "

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" It is quite possible."